

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 3-KS-03-13

Issued at: Fairbanks, Monday May 20, 2013

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m. Monday, May 27, 2013

Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m. Thursday,
July 25, 2013, unless superseded by
subsequent emergency order.

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order reduces the sport fishing bag and possession limit for king salmon to one fish in all tributaries of Kuskokwim Bay effective 12:01 a.m., Monday, May 27, 2013.

REGULATION:

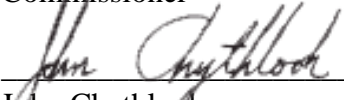
The provisions of 5 AAC 71.010. Seasons and bag, possession, and size limits for the Kuskokwim-Goodnews Area. (c)(10) are added by this emergency order. Under this emergency order, the following provisions are effective, 12:01 a.m. Monday, May 27, 2013, through 11:59 p.m. Thursday, July 25, 2013:

5 AAC 71.010. Seasons and bag, possession, and size limits for the Kuskokwim-Goodnews Area.

(c)(10) in all waters draining into Kuskokwim Bay south of the south bank of Warehouse Creek and north of Cape Newenham, the bag and possession limit for king salmon 20 inches or greater in length is one fish.

Cora Campbell
Commissioner

by delegation to:


John Chythlook
Area Management Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

King salmon escapements at the Kanektok River weir in 2012 were the lowest recorded since the weir began operating in 2002. The 2012 king salmon escapement goal and the aerial survey escapement goal on the North Fork of the Goodnews River was not achieved. The 2012 commercial harvest was well below average. Early season restrictions to the commercial fishery and possibly the subsistence fishery are expected in 2013. Due to recent poor king salmon returns to the Kanektok

and Goodnews rivers, a reduction in the sport fishing bag limit is warranted to ensure king salmon escapement goals are met while continuing to provide harvest opportunity throughout the run.

DISTRIBUTION:

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